

Division of Wildlife Conservation
Eddie Grasser, Director
Region IV, Glennallen Area Office
PO Box 47
Glennallen, AK 99588-0047



Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner
PO Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811-5526
www.adfg.alaska.gov

Advisory Announcement

For Immediate Release: July 31, 2019

CONTACTS: Heidi Hatcher
Glennallen Area Biologist
(907) 822-3461
Palmer ADF&G Information Center
(907) 746-6300

Nelchina Caribou Hunts Bag Limit Change to One Caribou

(Glennallen) – Caribou hunters in Game Management Unit 13 will be able to harvest a caribou of either sex this hunting season. With less caribou in Unit 13 last hunting season, and our expectation that the herd would be within management objectives, permits for the 2019 hunting season were printed with a bag limit of one bull in anticipation of a smaller harvest. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has issued an emergency order changing the bag limit to any caribou for all Unit 13 state-managed caribou hunts (RC561, RC562, CC001, DC485, and YC495).

With a relatively mild winter, the Nelchina herd experienced good survival and recruitment rates into the spring of 2019. Additionally, parturition rates (cows giving birth to calves) were very high in 2019. The department's July 2019 post-calving photocensus identified a minimum of 51,000 caribou, roughly 17,000 of which are calves. This leaves enough adults to allow permit holders to harvest either sex in 2019. The total herd count is still being finalized, but the department wanted to make the announcement for hunts opening soon. All hunts will likely run the duration of their scheduled seasons.

Hunt updates and additional information will be available on the Nelchina hotline at (907) 267-2304.

###